

“SUPPORTING RURAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS”

Satellite Broadcast

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

1:00–3:30 PM Eastern Time

Goal:

This is a government-wide effort directed at eliminating the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating in full community life. Everyone benefits when people with disabilities and older adults are fully engaged in community life.

This satellite broadcast, “Supporting Rural Family Caregivers” will feature rural family caregivers and experts who have worked and conducted research in the rural family caregiver arena. They will discuss the issues confronting rural family caregivers, and present possible interventions to address these challenges.

This satellite broadcast is presented by the DHHS New Freedom Initiative (NFI) Subcommittee on Caregiving in partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Program:

- Overview of the research in rural family caregiving issues..... **Donna Wagner,**
Towson University
- Rural family caregivers describe the challenges faced, and
resources and programs used while helping their love ones..... **Rural Family Caregivers**
- “**Agrability**” Program—how this program assists
disabled ranchers and their families..... **Brad Rein,**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Adult Day Services and Transportation Services provided to rural family caregivers..... **Jed Johnson,**
Easter Seals
- **eXtension** Program/Web based training and education tool..... **Sandy Bailey,**
University of Montana,
Cooperative Extension
- Consumer–Directed Care and Mobile Adult Day Service programs..... **Cliff Burt,**
Georgia Division for Aging Services
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers—how they help rural family caregivers..... **Krista Boston,**
Minnesota Board on Aging
- Telephone support group for rural caregivers..... **Tianna Pettinger,**
Senior Services of Albany

To Register:

To register and to find more information on the broadcast and where it can be viewed, please go to:

<http://registration.casals.com/cms/>

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